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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Schwertfeger et al. Examiner: Daniel S. Metzmaier  
Application No.: 09/817,459 Art Unit: 1712  
Filed: March 26, 2001 Confirmation No.: 1602  
For: **Organically Modified Aerogels, Method for their Production by  
Surface Modification of the Aqueous Gel Without Previous Solvent  
Exchange and Subsequent Drying, and the Use Thereof**

Commissioner for Patents,  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Actions mailed July 12, 2007 and August 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are included in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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